

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****Draft Advisory Circular (AC) No. 120-29A, Criteria for Approval of Category I and Category II Weather Minima for Approach**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability of a draft advisory circular.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of a draft AC, recommended by the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC), which provides information and guidance on obtaining and maintaining approval of Category I and II Weather Minima, including installation and approval of associated aircraft systems. This draft AC would replace AC 120-29 and represents the first steps of harmonization efforts of the Federal Aviation Administration, the European Joint Aviation Authority, and other regulatory authorities. This notice solicits public comment on the draft AC.

DATES: Comments on the draft AC must be received on or before January 11, 1999.

ADDRESSES: To obtain a copy of the draft AC or to send comments on the draft AC, please contact Yolanda Hill, Flight Technologies and Procedures Division (AFS-410), Room 835, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20591; telephone: (202) 267-3728. The draft AC may also be accessed on the Internet at www.faa.gov/AVR/afs/afs410/afs410.htm.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Technical questions should be addressed to Jim Enias, Technical Programs Division (AFS-400), Federal Aviation Administration, Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, Telephone (202) 267-7211.

Comments Invited

The FAA invites interested parties to submit comments on this draft AC, as recommended by the ARAC. Commenters should identify AC 120-29A and submit comments to the person and address listed above. The FAA will consider all communications received on or before the closing date for comments before completing its review of this ARAC recommended AC. The recommended draft AC and comments received may be inspected at the Office of Flight Standards Service, Technical Programs Division, Room 835, Federal Aviation Administration (Federal Office Building 10A), between the hours of

9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. weekdays, except Federal holidays.

Background

This draft AC was received from the ARAC in August 1998. The AC recommended by the ARAC would set forth an acceptable means, but not the only means, of obtaining and maintaining approval of operations in Category I and II landing weather minima and low visibility approach criteria including the installation and approval of associated aircraft systems. It includes additional or revised Category I and II criteria for use in conjunction with heads-up displays, use of required navigation performance, satellite navigation sensors, and "engine inoperative" Category II criteria.

This draft AC should be reviewed in conjunction with the regulatory requirements of 14 CFR parts 121, 125, and 135, as applicable. This draft AC would not change, add, or delete any regulatory requirement or authorize any deviation from parts 121, 125, or 135.

The FAA is currently reviewing this ARAC recommendation and may make revisions to this document before it is issued. These revisions may include editorial changes to ensure that this AC does not impose requirements on operators independent of the current regulations. The regulations themselves, referenced in the draft AC, may be reviewed for revisions, as appropriate. It should be noted that the draft AC explicitly states that nothing in it is intended to preclude an operator from proposing and demonstrating to the FAA its ability to operate to Category I and II minima with a different equipment configuration, or alternatively to a runway visual range minima lower than presently described in this document.

If, after review of this recommendation, the FAA decides to make any substantive changes in the draft AC, the revised document will be made available again for comment before final issuance.

This draft revision incorporates changes resulting from the first steps toward international all weather operations criteria harmonization taken by the FAA, JAA, and several other regulatory authorities. Subsequent revisions of this AC are planned as additional all weather operations harmonization items are agreed and completed by FAA and JAA, or internationally.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Maritime Administration**

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Information Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Maritime Administration's (MARAD's) intentions to request extension of approval for three years of a currently approved information collection.

DATES: Comments should be submitted on or before January 11, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joe Strassburg, Chief, Division of Marine Insurance, Office of Subsidy and Insurance, Maritime Administration, MAR-575, Room 8117, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590. Telephone 202-366-4161 or FAX 202-366-7901. Copies of this collection can also be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Title of Collection: War Risk Insurance.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved information collection.

OMB Control Number: 2133-0011.

Form Numbers: MA-355; MA-528; MA-742; MA-828; and, MA-942.

Expiration Date of Approval: August 31, 1999.

Summary of Collection of Information: As authorized by Section 1202, Title XII, Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended, (46 App. U.S.C. 1282), the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation may provide war risk insurance adequate for the needs of the waterborne commerce of the United States if such insurance cannot be obtained on reasonable terms from qualified insurance companies operating in the United States. This collection is required for the program. It consists of forms MA-355; MA-528; MA-742; MA-828; and MA-942.

Need and Use of the Information: The collected information is necessary to determine the eligibility of the applicant and the vessel(s) for participation in the war risk insurance program.